

**SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
Thursday, October 22, 2015
COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER
SAN LUIS OBISPO, CALIFORNIA**

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Deanne Gonzales
Bruce Hilton
Connie O’Henley
Chairperson, Kenny Dahlen
Pandora-Nash Karner

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: Nick Franco and Anna Diaz

Pledge of Allegiance

1. This is the time that is reserved for the flag salute.

Chairperson Dahlen led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comment

2. This is the time set for public comment on items that do not appear on the agenda.

Chairperson Dahlen opens the floor to public comment without response.

Commissioners' Adjustments to Agenda

3. This is the time set for any proposed adjustments to today's agenda.

Mr. Nick Franco asked if Mr. Donovan Marley could be moved up before the Director Report so he does not have to stay for the entire meeting. Commissioner Dahlen suggested moving Mr. Marley after the Commissioners’ Comments and Outreach. It was agreed.

Commissioners' Comments and Outreach

4. This is the time set for Commissioner remarks on their outreach efforts since the previous meeting.

Commissioner Nash-Karner stated that she feels like she has been grounded while working on Open Studios, however, the project is now complete. She was able to get out once and went to El Chorro Regional Park. She promises to be better next month.

Commissioner Gonzales stated that locally, she hasn’t been much better but did take a fly fishing trip to the Pit River and had an amazing time. She has been busy with harvest festivals and is hoping to get to the coast more.

Commissioner O’Henley thanked staff for their support with the pickle ball/tennis court conversion for Nipomo Park. She also noted that the individuals in Nipomo that she worked with were wonderful. Other than that, this time of the year she spends most of her time on football fields.

Commissioner Hilton stated that he has spent time at Nipomo Park for youth football as well. He also took a backpacking trip to Big Sur with the Boy Scouts. Regarding business items, he noted there are a couple of parcels in the Chalk Creek area (off High Mountain Road) that the Forest Service is attempting to purchase and they are looking for letters of support. These letters are needed by the end of October if anyone is interested in submitting one. The Forest Service is also considering purchasing two additional lots. However, they will not buy the lots if they will be required to maintain the adjacent road. This road is used by the County as a connection point between Santa Margarita and Arroyo Grande, so they are hoping the County will be willing to maintain the road.

Chairperson Dahlen recently participated in the annual Chalk Mountain Golf Tournament. He has also been contacted about pickle ball in Atascadero. His kids are currently playing club soccer and that keeps him traveling a great deal.

Piedras Blancas CA Coastal National Monument Initiative

5. Receive presentation and consider support of Piedras Blancas CA Coastal National Monument Initiative

Mr. Nick Franco, Parks Director, introduced Mr. Donovan Marley who represents the Piedras Blancas California Coastal National Monument Initiative. They are asking the Commission to listen to their presentation, receive the presentation and consider providing a letter of support of the Initiative, as well as, recommendation to the Board of Supervisors. Mr. Franco has also prepared a draft version of the support letter for review by the Commission.

Mr. Donovan Marley, gave his presentation and answered any concerns the Commission had regarding negative impacts the Initiative may have. Mr. Marley adequately answered their concerns.

Commissioner Nash motioned to provide a letter of support to Mr. Marley and recommend support of the Initiative by the Board of Supervisors.

Motion by: Pandora Nash-Karner
Second by: Deanne Gonzales

COMMISSIONERS	AYES	NOES	ABSTAIN	RECUSE
Dahlen, Kenny	x			
Gonzales, Deanne	x			
Hilton, Bruce	x			
O'Henley, Connie	x			
Nash-Karner, Pandora	x			

Approve Draft Minutes From Previous Meeting

6. This is the time set for consideration and acceptance of the previous meeting minutes.

Commissioners reviewed the minutes from the September 24, 2015, meeting. A motion was made.

Motion by: Pandora Nash-Karner
Second by: Bruce Hilton

COMMISSIONERS	AYES	NOES	ABSTAIN	RECUSE
Dahlen, Kenny	x			
Gonzales, Deanne	x			
Hilton, Bruce	x			
O'Henley, Connie	x			
Nash-Karner, Pandora	x			

COMMISSIONERS APPROVE THE SEPTEMBER 24, 2015 MINUTES AS WRITTEN.

Trails Advisory Committee Report

7. This is the time set for a report on the latest Trails Advisory Committee meeting. This item is skipped when no meeting has occurred.

There was no meeting to report.

Golf Advisory Committee Report

8. This is the time set for a report on the latest Golf Advisory Committee meeting. This item is skipped when no meeting has occurred.

There is no Golf report for this month.

Director Report

9. This is the time set for the Director report.

Mr. Nick Franco, Parks Director spoke on the following:

Mr. Franco noted that the next two commission meetings fall on holidays, therefore, he recommended meeting on December 3rd or 10th instead. The Commission decided to meet on December 10, 2015.

In an effort to conserve paper, Mr. Franco asked the Commission what their preference was for receiving information; printed hard copy or emailed. All of the Commissioners except for Commissioner Gonzales asked for the information to be emailed. Commissioner Gonzales would like printed material because she does not always have access to a computer/printer.

Mr. Franco informed the Commission that the Cayucos Pier ribbon cutting will be held Saturday, October 31, 2015, at 12:00 p.m. and invited them to attend.

Commissioner Gonzales stated she has a friend who lives in Cayucos next to the beach access on First Street. Her friend would like to development this area into a pocket park and is willing to pay for the development. She contacted the County Public Works Dept. but they were unable to help her. Mr. Franco stated he would give her a call to discuss.

Draft Strategic Plan

10. Receive, review and provide feedback on the Department's draft Strategic Plan

Mr. Franco, Parks Director, reviewed the Strategic Plan with the Commissioners and responded to their questions. He informed them it will be going to the Board of Supervisors in November for their comments. He also noted that the Plan should be finalized by December 2015 and will be updated on a yearly basis after that.

Approve letters of donation

11. This is the time set for the Chairperson to acknowledge and accept any Letters of Donation received.

Chairperson Dahlen read, accepted and approved the following Letters of Donation.

Adjournment

12. Adjourn Meeting

Having no further business the meeting was adjourned.